

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 16 and ending at page 6, line 6 to read, as follows.

--In order to overcome this shortcoming, a developing method that uses a one-component developer composed of a magnetic toner and not containing a carrier is used. With this developing method, the carrier degradation problem does not occur, so that [[the]] developer replacement becomes unnecessary. Consequently, this method is particularly suited for development in black that is frequently performed. This one-component developing method uses no carrier as described above, so that in order to give electric charges to the toner, a method described in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. S54-43038 ~~S50-4539~~ is used, for instance. With this method, electric charges are given to the toner through triboelectrification between the toner and a developer bearing member that is provided for a developing device for performing a developing operation and feeds the toner to the photosensitive drum.--